

House Resolution 23 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

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ABDUL-SAMAD, KRESSIG, McCONKEY, STECKMAN,
FINKENAUER, RUNNING-MARQUARDT, HALL, BENNETT,
PRICHARD, HEDDENS, OLSON, BYRNES, KAUFMANN,
PAUSTIAN, DRAKE, MOORE, R. TAYLOR, DOLECHECK, and
JORGENSEN

1 A Resolution honoring Dr. Sally Mason and her
2 outstanding achievements as President of the
3 University of Iowa.

4 WHEREAS, in 2007, Dr. Mason was appointed the 20th
5 President of the University of Iowa after a remarkable
6 academic career as a researcher, professor, department
7 chair, dean, and provost at several other leading
8 Midwest universities; and

9 WHEREAS, in the following eight years, President
10 Mason has demonstrated exceptional resolve in leading
11 the University of Iowa through a devastating flood and
12 economic recession; and

13 WHEREAS, President Mason has provided national
14 leadership as a member of many prestigious
15 organizations including as Chair of the Association of
16 Public and Land-Grant Universities Board of Directors
17 and as Chair of the Big Ten Council of Presidents and
18 Chancellors; and

19 WHEREAS, President Mason has furthered the

1 development of the University of Iowa as a world-class
2 institution through many notable achievements
3 including:

4 1. Increased enrollment to 31,387 students in 2014.

5 2. Enhanced student success as indicated by
6 increased freshman retention rates, increased
7 four-year graduation rates, and increased
8 employment-after-graduation rates.

9 3. Prioritized student access to education by
10 offering debt counseling, expanding free tutoring
11 services, implementing a six-point plan to combat
12 sexual assault, expanding partnership agreements with
13 Iowa community colleges, enhancing distant learning
14 programs, providing free summer courses through Summer
15 Hawk Tuition Grants, and implementing programs to
16 assist first-generation and under-represented students.

17 4. Reinvigorated campus infrastructure by
18 overseeing the completion of more than 25 projects
19 including a state-of-the-art learning commons, the
20 Pappajohn Biomedical Discovery Building, the College of
21 Public Health Building, and the Campus Recreation and
22 Wellness Center.

23 5. Initiated new campus construction projects
24 which are not yet completed, including the Hancher
25 Auditorium replacement, the Art Building replacement,
26 the Mary Louise Petersen Residence Hall, the Voxman
27 Music Building, and the University of Iowa Children's
28 Hospital; NOW THEREFORE,

29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
30 the House of Representatives expresses its sincere

1 gratitude to President Sally Mason for her years of
2 service to the University of Iowa and to the people of
3 Iowa and honors her effort, leadership, and outstanding
4 achievements in improving the University of Iowa during
5 her tenure; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
7 Resolution be presented to University of Iowa President
8 Sally Mason.